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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Dental Diseases
Wanaga Shri Chintaman Navsha

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has taken note of rise in dental diseases in the country due to change in eating habits of people;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
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(a) & (b) No nationwide study has been conducted by this Ministry to ascertain the correlation between dental diseases and eating habits.

However, a number of other studies (For example: Sheiham A. Dietary effects on dental diseases. Public Health Nutrition 2001;4:569-91.; Peterson, Poul Erik et al. The global burden of oral diseases and risks to oral health. Bulletin World Health Organization [online]. 2005, vol.83, n.9) have determined that among other reasons, poor diet and nutrition does result in rise of dental diseases.

(c): Government has launched National Oral Health Program (NOHP) in the year 2014-15 to strengthen the public health facilities of the country for an accessible, affordable & quality oral health care delivery with an aim to:
1. Improvement in the determinants of oral health e.g. healthy diet, oral hygiene improvement etc and to reduce disparity in oral health accessibility in rural & urban population.
2. Reduce morbidity from oral diseases by strengthening oral health services at Sub district/district hospital to start with.
3. Integrate oral health promotion and preventive services with general health care system and other sectors that influence oral health.
4. Promotion of Public Private Partnerships (PPP) for achieving public health goals.

The program has two components as under:
NHM Component: This is for the support of health facilities [District level and below] of the states with the following components of a Dental Unit:
â€¢ Manpower support [Dentist, Dental Hygienist, Dental Assistant]
â€¢ Equipments including dental Chair
â€¢ Consumables for dental procedures

Tertiary Component:
â€¢ Designing IEC materials like Posters, TV, Radio Spots, Training Modules
â€¢ Organizing national, regional nodal officers training program to enhance the program management skills and review the status of the program
â€¢ Preparing State/District level Trainers by conducting national, regional workshops to train the paramedical health functionaries associated in health care delivery.